

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howerton, treasured residents of Osceola, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive family celebration to be held later in 2008; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 15, 1948, Walter Thomas Howerton and Ruth "Barbara" Hayes began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Gene Frank at the home of the bride's parents, R.B. and Nellie B. Hayes, in Turner, Kansas; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Walter and Barbara Howerton have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father, caring husband, and personal renovator who loves using his maintenance skills on church buildings, helping a sick neighbor work in the garden, and assisting widowed ladies, Mr. Howerton provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of International Paper in Kansas City, Kansas for thirty years, during which time he maintained his strong work ethic while always putting his family first; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker whose hobbies include crocheting, knitting, sewing, and flower gardening, Mrs. Howerton enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a member of several organizations, employee of Avon and Beeline Clothing, and Sunday School teacher for twenty years in Kansas City, Kansas; and

Whereas, devout members of Heritage First Baptist Church who have trucked, farmed, cut wood, and had an absolute ball since retirement, Walter and Barbara Howerton attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two children and their spouses, Doug and Janet Howerton of Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, and Penne and Tom Scanlon of Overland Park, Kansas; and their three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Walter and Barbara Howerton upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howerton.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker